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Attention: John Burvainis, Acting Director
Public Service Commission
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Docket No. NG-0051 / PI 130

Dear Commissioners,

The Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 620 area firms who, in turn, employ 14,000 area residents. One of the Chamber's prime missions is to improve our regional economy. Recently, action, or rather inaction by natural gas company, Kinder-Morgan, dealt the Norfolk business community a serious setback from this mission.

Several issues posed in the Public Service Commission's Docket NG-0051/PI 130 are important to the Norfolk business community and relate to mitigating options we feel the Public Service Commission should allow.

Over the past few months, Norfolkans learned that Kinder-Morgan's pipeline to Norfolk was fully subscribed, and that the company would not be able to meet, in a timely and cost effective manner, the needs of our newest, hard fought economic development project, Specialty Protein Processors, LLC (SPP-LLC). As a direct result of not being able to deliver sufficient natural gas to the project, SPP-LLC abandoned Norfolk and moved to South Sioux City. The 135 jobs and \$16 million in venture capital raised in the Norfolk area followed the project as well.

The Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce urges the Commission to take jurisdiction and allow other companies, who are able and willing, to build a new natural gas pipeline to Norfolk. This action is urgently needed. The Norfolk community is basically not open for major new businesses until this situation is resolved. Protecting Kinder-Morgan's exclusive pipeline monopoly essentially rewards the company for not paying attention to increases in demand.

Respectfully,


Fred Schellpeper, Chairman of the Board
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce

